

## **MINUTES OF THE BLOOMINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on December 12, 2013 at 2111 West Vernal Pike.

Board members present were Dawn Allen, Barbara McKinney and Bill Sturbaum. Also present were Trustee Lillian Henegar, Chief Faron Livingston, and Deputy Trustee Lisa Phillips.

### **AGENDA**

Lillian requested the agenda be amended to include the approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with New Hope Family Shelter (NHFS) regarding the use of Rosie's Place. Bill moved to accept the agenda as amended. Dawn seconded, motion passed unanimously.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

### **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Dawn moved to accept the minutes of the November 14 Board meeting. Bill seconded, motion passed unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Encumbrance Resolution:** Lillian explained we are requesting an encumbrance resolution in case we do not receive our fall property tax settlement before the end of 2013. We currently do not have funds available to pay the community grants budgeted for 2013. Also, some items have been ordered but may not arrive before the end of the year.

Dawn moved to approve the Encumbrance Resolution as presented. Bill seconded, motion passed unanimously. Board members signed the resolution, and Dawn signed the attest as board secretary. Lillian signed the Transfer of Funds Certification.

**January Meeting:** It was explained the law has changed and the Board no longer has to meet twice in January. The annual report can now be approved in February. The Board will meet on January 9, 2014 to elect the officers. The date to review the annual report will be February 13, 2014.

**Memorandum of Understanding:** The MOU with NHFS was discussed. Lillian reported the board of directors at NHFS has approved the MOU for the initial 90 day trial period. The intake procedures were discussed and it was explained the clients are responsible for contacting NHFS to initiate the process. Dawn moved to approve the MOU as presented. Bill seconded, motion passed unanimously.

## REPORTS

**Fire Chief:** Faron reported we will be receiving funds from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for timber sales.

Faron stated our recruitment is doing exceptionally well. Our roster is at 62 which is the maximum number allowed. This is the first time in the history of the department when we have had a full roster.

Faron reported there have been 855 runs through December 11<sup>th</sup>. That number is down slightly from last year. We normally average 2 runs per day.

Faron explained he has been contacted by DNR and they are providing us with a mobile hazmat decontamination unit. The unit is from the Chicago area and is valued around \$89,000. The unit is on permanent loan to us from DNR through the government surplus program.

Faron announced there was concern over whether the Affordable Care Act (ACA) applies to volunteer fire departments. Faron has been told by the Fire Chief's Association that volunteer departments are exempt from the ACA, and legislation is underway to formalize the exemption.

**Trustee:** Lillian reported the Pantry Partners campaign is doing well. The volunteer association has given us \$750 in grocery gift cards. They have also budgeted an additional \$250 for gift cards to Dollar General and an additional \$250 in food purchases.

Lillian stated Barbara Ooley, the Washington Township Trustee, is trying to buy property west of the highway to locate a fire station in Washington Township. It was also mentioned that business owners in the area are possibly interested in assisting with funding for a new station.

Lillian announced the Capstone/SPEA project is moving forward. Lillian and Rita Barrow from Van Buren Township are reviewing the syllabus with the professor, and the students will begin their work in January. The entire group of students will tour our facilities in January or February.

Lillian reported the office will follow the Monroe County Community School Corporation (MCCSC) for weather closings.

Bill moved to adjourn, Dawn seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:10. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 9, 2014.

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Dawn Allen, Secretary